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Invention: ELEMENTS TO BE LINKED BY MEANS OF A SCREW CONNECTION, ESPECIALLY
ELEMENTS OF A MEDICAL INSTRUMENT**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

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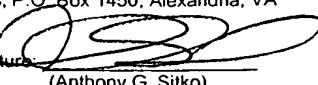
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For: Elements to be Linked by Means of a Screw
Connection, Especially Elements of a Medical
Instrument

RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 13, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the January 13, 2004 Office action, and is filed within the shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 13, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is solicited.

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Amendments to the specification are indicated beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 8 of this paper.

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